

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1059 - HB 762

March 27, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the maximum allowable monetary benefits for losses resulting from criminal acts under the Criminal Injury Compensation law from \$18,000 to \$25,000 and the supplemental award program maximum from \$12,000 to \$15,000. In addition, the bill increases the pain and suffering maximum cap from \$3,000 to \$6,000; the funeral and burial expense maximum from \$4,500 to \$7,000; the crime scene cleanup maximum from \$1,500 to \$3,000, and the trial travel expense maximum from \$1,250 to \$4,000. Broadens the definition of allowable property items to include eyeglasses and hearings aids.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$2,500,000/Criminal Injury Compensation Fund

Estimate assumes an increase in benefit payouts from the Criminal Injury Compensation Fund. Using the number of claims paid that reached the maximum amount through 12/31/00, it is estimated that approximately \$2,500,000 in additional benefits would be paid annually under the provisions of this bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director